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FOR AMBASSADOR LAWRENCE

PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM PRESIDENT CARTER AT THE FIRST OPPORTUNITY AFTER THE ELECTION RESULTS IN JAMAICA HAVE BEEN VERIFIED.

BEGIN TEXT OF MESSAGE FOR PRIME MINISTER MANLEY:

OCTOBER 31, 1980

DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER:

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I WANT TO EXPRESS MY ADMIRATION TO YOU AND THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE FOR THE EXAMPLE WHICH YOUR COUNTRYMEN HAVE SET IN HOLDING DEMOCRATIC ELECTIONS UNDER DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. ALTHOUGH THE OUTCOME HAS NOT FAVORED YOUR PARTY, I WANT YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I HAVE ENJOYED WORKING WITH YOU DURING THE PAST FOUR YEARS.

MY GOVERNMENT LOOKS FORWARD TO CONTINUED CONTACT WITH YOU AS LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION.

ROSALYNN JOINS ME IN SENDING OUR BEST WISHES FOR EVERY SUCCESS IN THE FUTURE.

SINCERELY,
JIMMY CARTER

END FIRST ATTACHMENT.

BEGIN TEXT OF CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO SEAGA:

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OCTOBER 31, 1980

DEAR MR. SEAGA:

ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I OFFER WARMEST CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR ELECTORAL VICTORY. THE STRENGTH OF JAMAICA'S DEMOCRATIC INSTITUTIONS AS INDICATED BY THE COMMITMENT OF THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE TO THE ELECTORAL PROCESS IS HEARTENING TO ALL FREEDOM LOVING PEOPLES OF THE WORLD.

THE UNITED STATES LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING CLOSELY WITH YOU AND YOUR GOVERNMENT AS YOU ASSUME YOUR NEW RESPONSIBILITIES.

JAMAICA'S ROLE IN THE CARIBBEAN IS AN IMPORTANT ONE. BY COOPERATING TOGETHER, WE CAN NOT ONLY ENHANCE U.S.-JAMAICAN RELATIONS BUT ALSO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING AND PROGRESS OF THE REGION. PLEASE ACCEPT MY BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS.

SINCERELY,
JIMMY CARTER

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THE HONORABLE
EDWARD SEAGA, M.P.
END SECOND ATTACHMENT

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